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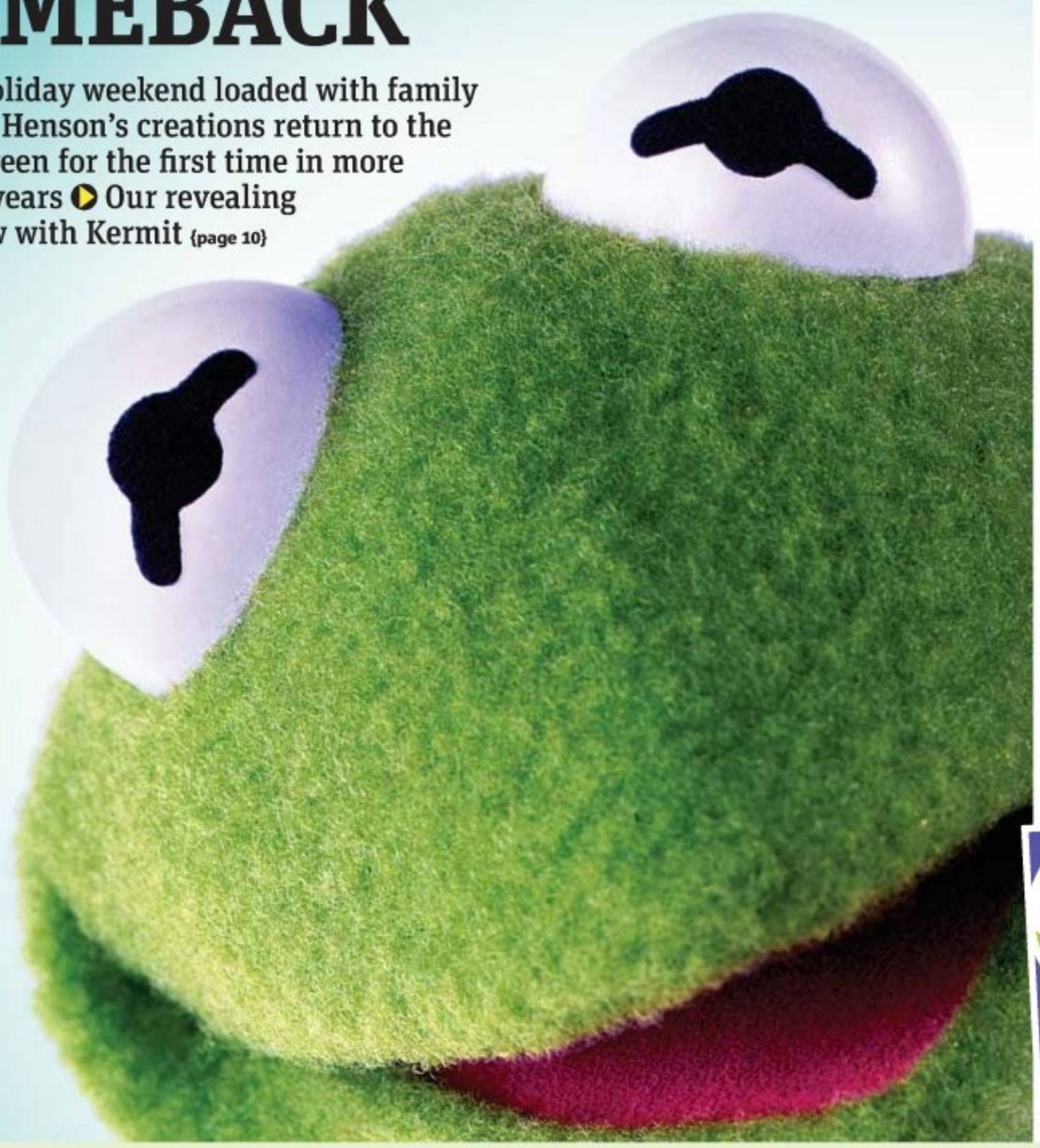

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New emphasis on sex abuse for city

Penn State scandal fallout leading to greater collaboration by local police, prosecutors and child protective services ● City DHS received 130 child sex-abuse reports per month in '10

Philadelphia officials came together Thursday to encourage citizens to report child sex abuse and to publicize the city's collaborative response, which has been practiced for years but made official today.

"We had the district attorney sign an interagency protocol with DHS and the police commissioner that we've been trying to get passed since 1989," said Human Services Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose.

In Philadelphia, reports of abuse are investigated by DHS, which takes victims to the nonprofit Children's Alliance and videotapes their interview for viewing by police and prosecutors to avoid the trauma of telling it multiple times.

In 2010, DHS averaged 130 child sex-abuse reports per month. Nationally, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 4 men are sexually abused before they reach the age of 18; and 90 percent of the time, it is committed by someone they know.

Mayor Michael Nutter noted that a lot of the reports surrounding Penn State focused on the football program's involvement to the exclusion of the victims and said he hoped to turn the conversation back to how child abuse can be recognized and reported.

"It's not enough to report up one person and think your job is done," he said. "You should feel within yourself the responsibility to follow that through, at least to the law-enforcement stage."

If you suspect abuse, call the DHS's child abuse hot line at 215-683-6100, the state hotline at 800-932-0313 or 911.

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▶ Nutter and top city law enforcement officials promised strong protection against child abuse.

"We work very closely, so if you call one of us, it's the same as calling us all. Let us do what we need to do to make sure children are protected."
POLICE COMMISSIONER CHARLES RAMSEY

"We think the bogeyman at the mall or some person in a clown suit when a child is left unattended is going to commit rape. But about 90 percent of sexual abuse is by someone the victim knows."
DISTRICT ATTORNEY SETH WILLIAMS

"We have all been just repulsed and disgusted by recent events that have been widely reported at one of our greatest educational institutes, Penn State."
MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER

Sandusky hearing postponed

- A preliminary hearing for former Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky on child sex abuse charges has been postponed for a week, district court officials said Tuesday.
- **The hearing will now be held on Dec. 13** at Center County court in Bellefonte, Pa. It was earlier scheduled for Dec. 7 — and originally for Nov. 9, days after charges were handed down against Sandusky.
- **The delay was prompted** by the "logistical needs" of the hearing, the court said on its website. REUTERS

Archdiocese adds to sex-abuse scandal panel

PHILADELPHIA. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has named seven new members to a review panel that helps advise the archbishop on allegations of sex abuse.

The new members, which includes four former prosecutors and a retired Philadelphia police lieutenant, will each serve a term of four or five years.

The appointments bring the total number of members to 11. METRO/SDL

Arrest made in Fishtown shooting

NORTHERN LIBERTIES. A 20-year-old man was arrested Tuesday in connection with a shooting during a botched robbery last week, police said.

Authorities apprehended Christopher Easter at a home in the Nicetown section following a tip. Easter is accused of shooting 29-year-old Kevin Neary on Bodine Street on Nov. 15. Neary suffered several spinal damage, reports said. METRO/SDL

In the news

Happy Thanksgiving from Metro

Metro is taking a Thanksgiving break, but we'll be back on the streets Monday morning, Nov. 28. We wish all our readers and advertisers a happy holiday. See you on Monday with all the latest news, entertainment, sports, real estate, jobs and education news.

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▶ Porter, of Glenside, left, graduated from La Salle College High School.

Drexel student arrested in Egypt protests

Young man is Montco native studying abroad Two other Americans also busted for allegedly throwing homemade explosive

A Drexel University student was among three American students arrested this week during violent protests in Cairo, Egypt.

The three, who are all exchange students at American University in Cairo, were identified as Drexel student Gregory Porter, 19, of Glenside; Derrik Sweeney, 19, who attends Georgetown University; and Luke Gates, 21, who attends Indiana University.

The three are accused of setting off molotov cocktails and clashing with police in Tahrir Square, where anti-government protesters gathered for a "million-man march," the Washington Post reported.

According to Porter's Facebook page, he graduated from La Salle College High School in Wyndmoor in 2010.

The anti-government protests, which erupted last weekend, have been met with violent response by security forces, according to reports. Egypt's military leadership has promised to hand over power to a civilian government by July 2012.

According to a statement from Drexel University, Porter is majoring in international area studies and went to American University in Cairo to study abroad.

"Drexel administrators are in contact with Porter's parents and are working with authorities at the American University in Cairo and the U.S. Embassy to have Porter released and returned home safely."
DREXEL UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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NJ pol will repay campaign

NEW JERSEY. U.S. Rep. Rob Andrews, D-Camden County, said Tuesday that he will repay $9,000 to his campaign coffers after he spent the money on a three-day jaunt to Scotland for a high-priced wedding.

Andrews came under fire this week when reports surfaced that he spent the money for the family trip to a campaign donor's wedding in Edinburgh. Besides $7,700 for the luxury hotel stay, he also expensed almost $500 for a wedding gift. METRO

City woman charged in bus stop crash

DELAWARE COUNTY. A Philadelphia woman has been charged in connection with a crash that seriously injured two teenagers in Radnor last month.

Tanisha Johnson, 34, of the 7100 block of Theodore Street, is charged with two counts of recklessly endangering another person for the Oct. 31 accident on Conestoga Road when her car struck two teenagers waiting for the school bus and then hit a house.

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'Tidal wave' of 76ers fans called for Hip-Hop's head

◗ New Sixers ownership gave them what they wanted ◗ Silly rabbit was antithesis of Phanatic: Not beloved

Hip-Hop, the Sixers' bizarrely muscled, buck-toothed mascot, went on to greener pastures yesterday. He was 14.

The gray rabbit, which debuted back in January 1997, never quite endeared himself to Philadelphia sports fans the way the Phillie Phanatic has, despite his high-flying slam dunks and tiny head. He will be remembered for his sunglasses and colorful bandannas.

"We have proclaimed quite loudly in Philadelphia that we will listen to Sixers fans," said new CEO and co-owner Adam Aron. "In the 6,500 fan comments and suggestions we received so far at NewSixersOwner.com, there was a tidal wave of commentary suggesting the Sixers needed a new mascot."

The new ownership group has hired Jim Henson's Creature Shop and original Phanatic Dave Raymond to come up with a replacement. No timetable has been set for a new mascot, but with the NBA lockout threatening the season, the team may not get a new face until next summer.

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▶ Only Hip-Hop was excited that he was the Sixers' mascot.

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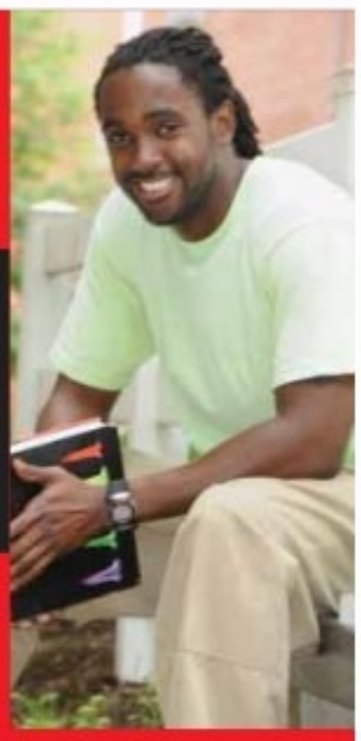

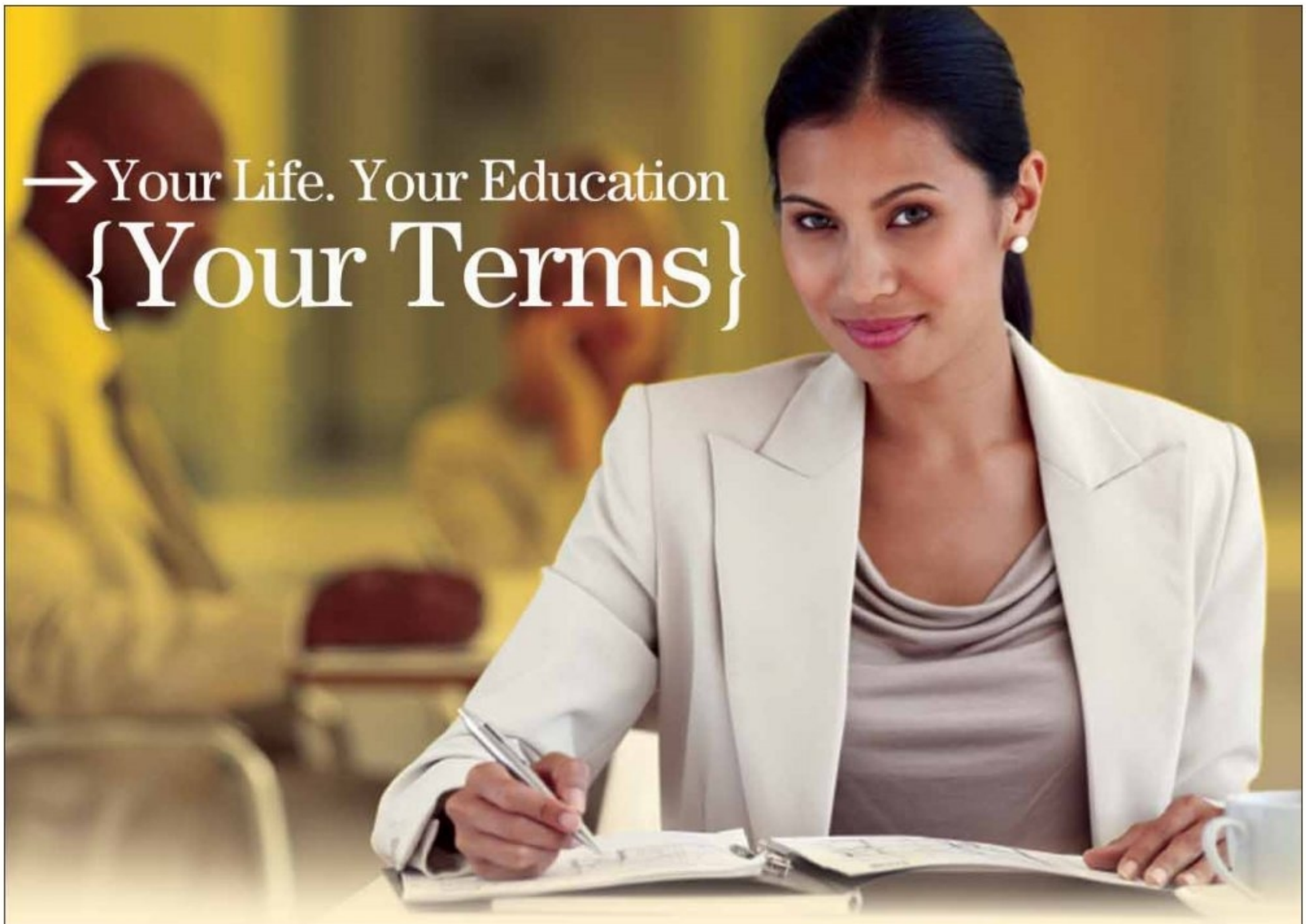

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Debit fees reviewed by Justice Dept.

The U.S. Justice Department is conducting an antitrust review of statements and actions by banks and their trade associations about imposing fees on customers who use debit cards.

Assistant Attorney General Ronald Weich described the review in a letter released Tuesday by Rep. Peter Welch, a Democrat from Vermont, who had requested an investigation.

"Please be assured that if it finds that individuals, banks or other parties may have violated the antitrust laws, the department will take appropriate action," Weich wrote in the letter, dated Nov. 16.

"As [big banks] consider their next move, they should be aware that there is a cop actively on the beat."
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL RONALD WEICH

Bank of America Corp. said on Nov. 1 that it wouldn't charge debit card users $5 per month, four weeks after the firm's announcement of the fee sparked a backlash from customers and lawmakers. JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. had previously dropped plans for such charges.
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Shopping. Credit

▶ Researchers found that those using credit cards are more likely to respond to the perks of a particular product and remember the key words related to those benefits afterward compared to those paying by cash.

How much? Who cares

When customers intend to pay with a credit card, they are more likely to focus on a product's benefits, whereas those who pay with cash are more likely to focus on its cost, according to a new study published in the Journal of Consumer Research. MAINSTREET.COM

metro MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2011

A surge in nominations for Charlie Sheen as Metro's Man of the Year Tuesday was accompanied by more nominations for Occupy Wall Street and Lara Logan.

But perhaps the most powerful suggestion came from Rick Winterson, of Boston: "There's only one Man of the Year worth considering: Mohamed Bouazizi, the young pushcart peddler whose suicide triggered the Arab Spring, beginning within his own native Tunisia. As horrible as his self-immolation was, it resulted in the first, lasting steps toward freedom for tens of millions of residents of North Africa and the Middle East."

"No other man, no matter how powerful or renowned, came anywhere close to accomplishing that much."

Nominate your Man and Woman of the Year at mwoty@metro.us.

Ex-fundraiser sentenced

CHICAGO. A U.S. judge on Tuesday sentenced Antoin "Tony" Rezko, a former Chicago fundraiser for President Barack Obama, to 10.5 years in prison for corruption and extortion. Rezko's conviction was among a slew of guilty pleas that led to the conviction in two trials of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and several of his aides. REUTERS

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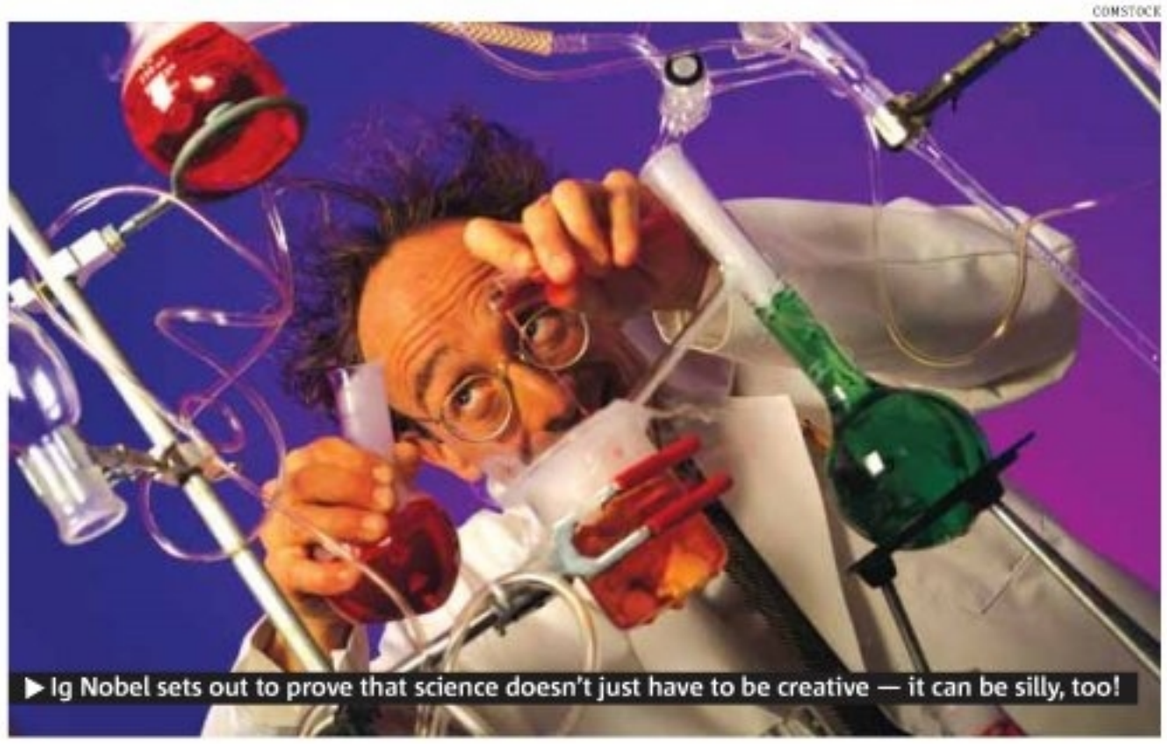

▶ Ig Nobel sets out to prove that science doesn't just have to be creative — it can be silly, too!

At Ig Nobel, mad science wins awards

Time for the annual Ig Nobel Prizes, celebrating silly yet original research projects Past winners involve gay necrophilia in ducks and side effects of sword ingestion

Some of science's wackiest discoveries will be honored tonight at the 21st annual Ig Nobel Prizes at Harvard University.

Inspired by the original Nobel awards, this ceremony recognizes genuine scientific research that might not get big bucks from big corporations but is still packed with mind-boggling originality.

Recent winners include studies on a toy helicopter that collects whale mucus, why woodpeckers don't get headaches and fellatio in fruit bats. Last year's winner in the peace category was a study confirming the widely held belief that saying bad words relieves pain.

"Believe it or not, this too is science," Richard Stephens of Keele University, lead author of 2010's winning entry "Swearing as a Response to Pain", told Metro. "We pride ourselves on communicating this to a wider public — it's not only about white coats in a lab."

The best of ...

A look back at winners through the years:

- **2010:** Asthma can be treated with a roller coaster ride
- **2008:** Role of armadillos in moving artifacts in archaeological sites
- **2007:** Sword swallowing and its side effects
- **2003:** The first documented case of homosexual necrophilia in ducks

Did you know?

Ig is a play on the word "ignoble" meaning baseness, lowness or meanness, and is pronounced "ig-no-bell."

Organizer and inventor Marc Abrahams explained to Metro how the ceremony was born: "Twenty years ago, in 1991, I was the editor of Journal of Irreproducible Results and I was suddenly meeting people who did interesting and bizarre things. I wanted to draw attention to these people and their work."

For those budding offbeat scientists who want an Ig Nobel gong, Abrahams has one piece of advice: "You have to do something that makes you laugh at first, and then think. If you show the list of winners to three people, they will all have different opinions about which one is useful, which one is stupid."

This year's nominations are confidential, but a possible 2011 contender is a Japanese study that suggests there's no harm in refraining from teeth-clenching whilst performing mathematical tasks.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Metro proud to introduce news by Karl

Karl Lagerfeld, the legendary fashion icon who has never shied away from an interesting collaboration, will become global editor-in-chief of Metro International newspapers on Feb. 7.

Lagerfeld will guest edit all Metro editions around the world. As part of the project, he will create a series of collectible sketches, illustrations and columns as well as choose the stories for the newspaper and give his notoriously provocative comments on the news of the day.

The issue will also include a series of guest appearances by celebrities and fashion personalities from Karl's world. The collaboration is just one of several moves the creative director of Chanel and Fendi has made toward fashion democracy lately. The special issue will come just weeks after Lagerfeld launches a new lower priced line called "Karl." METRO

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"I've never done this before and the challenge of Metro is something I can imagine. Metro is very much in the mood of today."
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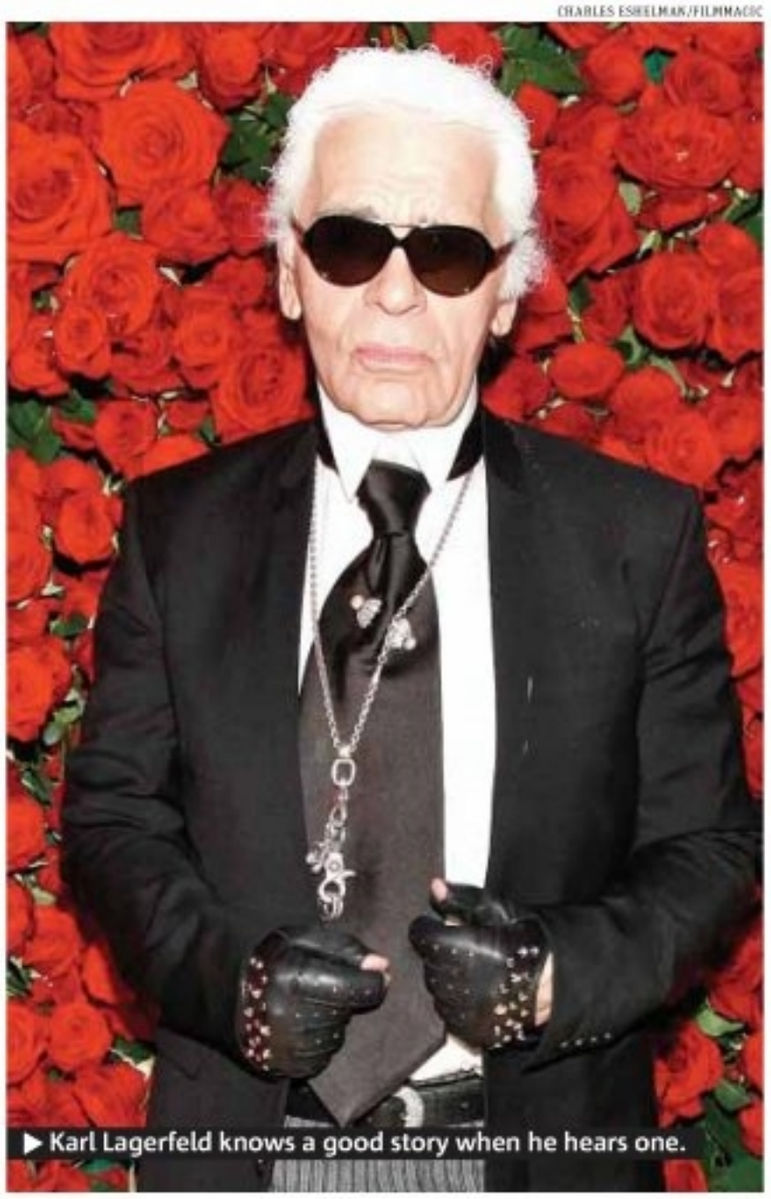

▶ Karl Lagerfeld knows a good story when he hears one.

Survey: Nearly half of US in funds crisis

WASHINGTON. Nearly half of all Americans lack economic security, meaning they live above the federal poverty threshold but still do not have enough money to cover housing, food, health care and other basic expenses, according to a data survey.

The survey, released yesterday by the advocacy group Wider Opportunities for Women, found that 45 percent of U.S. residents live in households that struggle to make ends meet. That breaks down to 39 percent of all adults and 55 percent of all children, the group found. REUTERS

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A congressional effort to find $1.2 trillion in spending cuts over 10 years failed on Monday.

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HOLIDAY WEEKEND

THE RETURN OF KERMIT THE FROG

- The legend speaks about being a star, whether marriage is in his future
- 'The truth is, I think it's probably not legal in most states,' he admits

Kermit the Frog and his Muppet cohorts haven't graced the silver screen since 1999's "Muppets from Space." So where has the amphibious star been hiding? If his film, "The Muppets," is any indication, Kermit has become a hermit, cloistered in the massive Beverly Hills mansion he used to share with Miss Piggy (now an editor at French Vogue), speaking to almost no one besides his 1980s robot butler/chauffeur. But the famous frog wants to make it clear the mansion and the seclusion are all for show. While he's at it, we let him address rumors about the future of his relationship with Miss Piggy.

In the film, you're portrayed as rich and out of touch. How true to life is that?

Well, that's actually not true at all. We felt like that made a better sort of idea for the story, but no, that's not true. I think my fans know who I really am. I'm a pretty simple frog. When I'm not working, I go back to the swamp, relax and take it easy. I'm not really a part of the whole Hollywood scene, and I've never felt the need to have a big mansion.

The movie brings you back to the old Muppet Theater. Do you have any favorite memories from the old days?

The original show? Well, you know, we based it in Los Angeles for the film, but we actually shot that show in England. We were in this little town called Borehamwood — not named because it was boring, but we certainly used that quite a lot in those days. It was a great time. We were just down the road from the Monty Python guys, across the street from where they were shooting the original "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Superman," all that stuff. So, a really cool time in history to have been in show business.

Quoted

"I think my fans know who I really am. I'm a pretty simple frog. When I'm not working, I go back to the swamp, relax and take it easy."

KERMIT, ON HIS PUBLIC PERSONA

Metro's logo is green. Do you think it would be easier for us if we'd chosen a different color?

Well, I don't know. I think you guys should stick to green. As I say, it's the color of spring, it's beautiful. I have no choice, so let's just say you have no choice also.

We spoke to Oscar the Grouch about trash and environmental issues for Earth Day. Is there a cause that's close to your heart?

Well, obviously the environment. I mean, I'm a frog. Us frogs are sort of the barometers for the environment, like the canaries they used to take into the coal mines. Some of my cousins have started growing extra limbs and two heads — that's true, it's not a joke, and that's kind of bad. I used to just say they were two-faced, and it was a joke. But now it's true, you know?

In this political climate, how do you think it would be received if a frog were to marry, say, a pig?

Yeah, well ... the truth is I think it's probably not legal in most states — a couple of Southern states, perhaps. I can say that because that's where I'm from. But that's probably a lucky thing for me in the long run, you know? I don't think Piggy and I are actually going to tie the old knot, so to speak. So, I'm not pushing for it.

Does she know that?

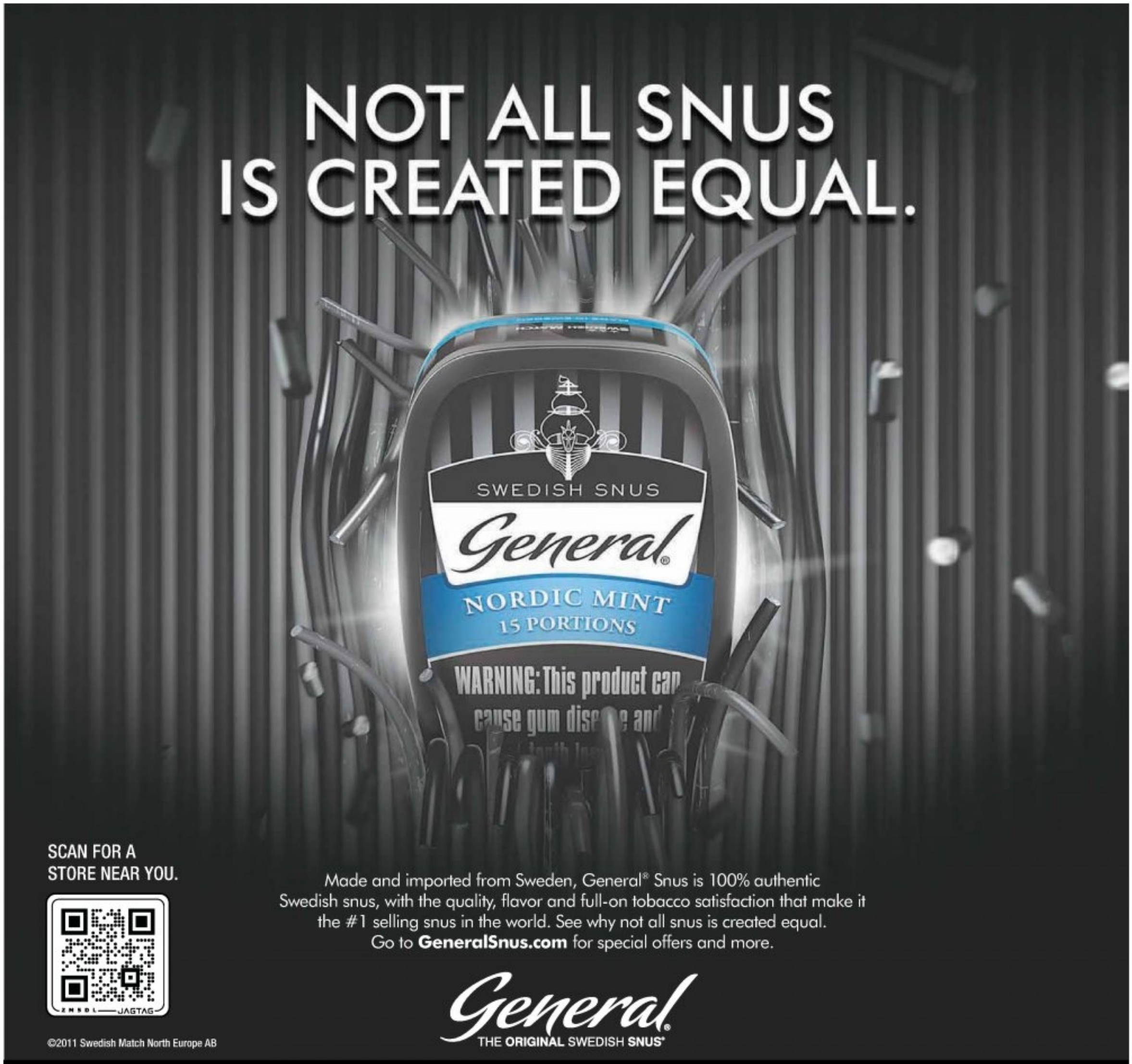
Does she know I'm not pushing for it? I think she knows. I think she's, as they say on "Dr. Phil," in denial. By the way, I can only tell you this because she's in a separate room. If she were here, I'd have to go along with it.

NED EHRBAR
METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

No reality stars for 'The Muppet Show'

With early buzz on "The Muppets" strong and positive, talk has quickly turned to the possibility of bringing back the show that started it all, "The Muppet Show." The original series ran from 1976 to 1981 and featured an impressive run of guest stars. So if the show were to return, who would Kermit like to see stop by?

"I look back at the old shows, and we had the top Hollywood folks," Kermit remembers. "Hopefully we could get the same kind of caliber of stars now — the few that are left out there, you know? Nothing against reality TV, but I think if we did nothing but the Kardashians on 'The Muppet Show,' it would be a little strange. So I hope we get the Tom Cruises and the Harrison Fords, you know?"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Sir Ben Kingsley comes into sharp focus

▶ Ben Kingsley is legendary film director Georges Melies in "Hugo."

Last year he played a mysterious doctor in Martin Scorsese's "Shutter Island," and now Sir Ben Kingsley partners up once again with "Marty," as he affectionately calls him, but for lighter fare. In "Hugo," Sir Kingsley plays one of the world's first filmmakers ever, Georges Melies, who directed "A Trip to the Moon" and hundreds of other silent films in the early 20th century. Sir Kingsley gave Metro a few moments of his undivided attention to chat about the 3-D filmmaking of "Hugo" and his upcoming film, "The Dictator."

George Melies' film "A Trip to the Moon" is one of the most iconic early films ever made. Do you remember where and when you first saw it?
When I was at school, we were able to watch some of cinema's masterpieces that came from way back. I think in and amongst them was "Trip to the Moon" because I know I'd seen it before I got [Martin Scorsese's] offer. It was so familiar.

Quoted

"The 3-D camera can see what you've done before you've done it."
KINGSLEY, ON CHANGING HIS APPROACH TO ACTING WHEN BEING SHOT IN 3-D

Did shooting in 3-D for "Hugo" affect your performance at all?
Yes. The 3-D camera brought a kind of bonus where it was detail, detail, detail — very little CGI — which fed our performances tremendously and kept us in character beautifully. Also, the scrutiny of a 3-D camera is quite alarming. I noticed fairly early on that the 3-D camera can see what you've done before you've done it. You can see the most delicate changes of body language and facial expression, almost pulse and heartbeat. Of course, Mr. Scorsese would also say, "Keep it simple. Keep it honest." I mean, that's almost his maxim.

On the set of "Hugo" you were known for staying in character as Melies in his later years, when he was quite cranky and withdrawn. Why?
Staying in character for me was almost mandatory. I'm quite fit and slim, but I had to strap on this pot belly and I had to strap on this hump in my shoulders to have this depressed body. I felt it was going to be a huge effort to take all this off so I thought, "I must stay in character." Even though he was a sad man and somewhat defeated, I quite enjoyed that I had to stay in character. I found it really fed the work.

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'The Dictator'

Sacha Baron Cohen co-stars with you here and also appears with you in "The Dictator." Tell us about your character in that film.
It was either like being on a Chaplin set or a Marx Brothers set with that great genius pouring out of the central character. Everyone has their function. Mine, thank goodness, was the straight man — because to try to be funny around Sacha is suicidal. You're never going to match that. My comedy [skills are] deadpan. He plays a dictator — recognizable, very bizarre. He invented this two years before [Arab Spring] started. I play his head of security and procurer of women, straight-faced.

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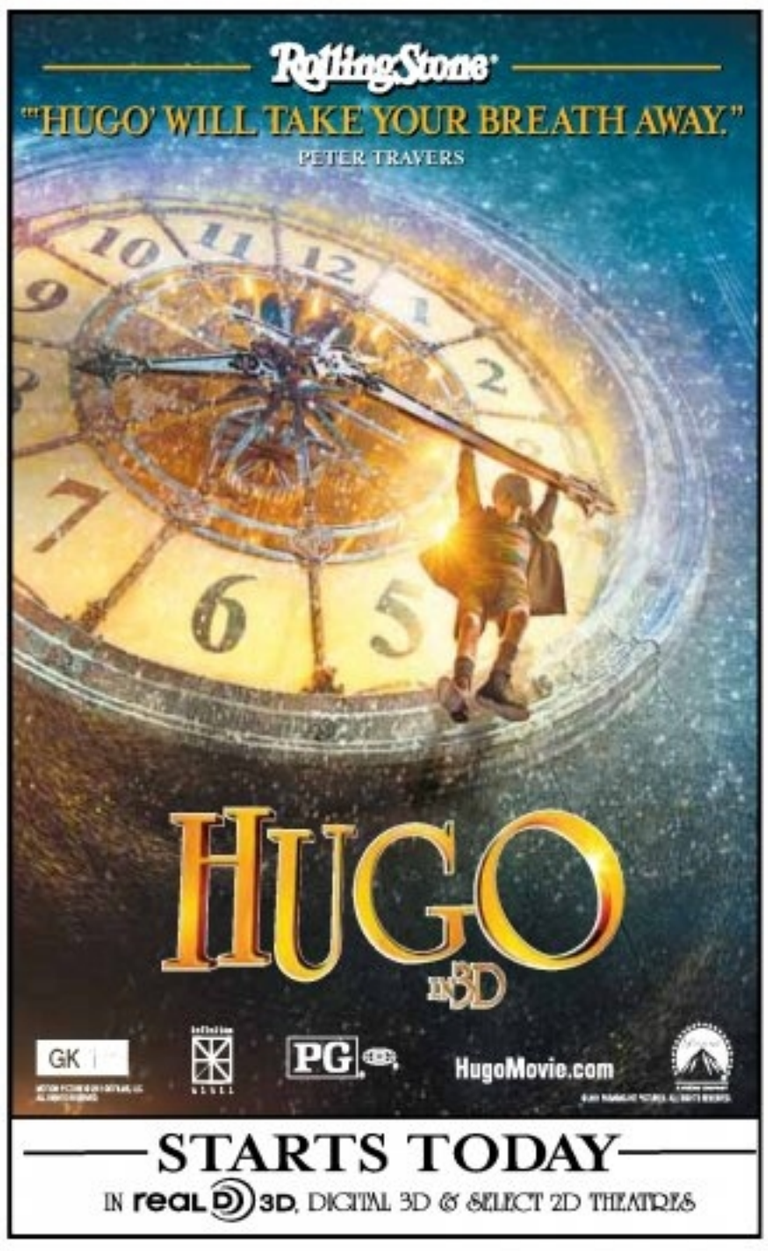
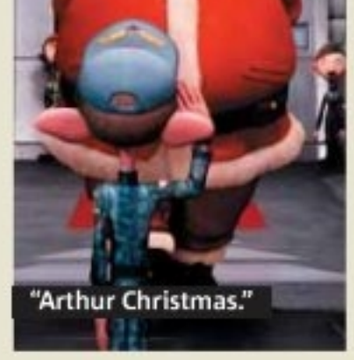


Everything you wanted to know about Santa but were afraid to ask

'Arthur Christmas'
Director: Sarah Smith
Cast: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie, Bill Nighy, Jim Broadbent
Rating: PG
Grade: ●●●●●

How exactly does Santa Claus get gifts into every child's home around the world on Christmas Eve? With his S.W.A.T. team of elves, of course. How has one Santa given joy to children for hundreds of years? Well, there's not one Santa, but a Claus family, in which there is an heir to the Santa throne for every generation. As one Claus (Jim Broadbent) is set to retire, his ambitious eldest son (Hugh Laurie) is eager to take up the mantle, but it's younger dweebie brother Arthur (James McAvoy) who has the proper Christmas cheer.



"Arthur Christmas."

This clever British production is a family film that doesn't reach children by pandering and doesn't engage the adults with any mean-spirited snark. While not perfect, "Arthur Christmas" is no throw-away holiday movie.

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Frodo the father

Elijah Wood voices a dad penguin in 'Happy Feet 2'
But we get the scoop about 'The Hobbit,' too

Elijah Wood gives voice to Mumble (pictured behind him) in "Happy Feet Two."

In the first "Happy Feet," vocally challenged penguin Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood) got the girl, so it only makes sense that "Happy Feet 2" finds Mumble grappling with fatherhood — something new for the young actor best known for playing a hobbit. We caught up with Wood to talk about his penguin alter-ego growing up faster than he is and the joys of job security now that his FX series "Wilfred" has been picked up for a second season. Plus, he gives an update on that other franchise he's a part of.

I'm pretty sure you've never played a father before.

Oh no. [Laughs] Only in the digital realm. I mean I'm 30 now, so I suppose it's not altogether unbelievable anymore.

How was that to take on as an actor?

It was cool. I think it was a natural progression for Mumble. You know, after he sort of cements his relationship with Gloria at the end of the first film, it's sort of natural that they would have an egg and a baby — the natural progression. So it was cool. It presented a unique, new step in his life. And the relationship between him and Eric was a fun relationship to play out.

How does recording with the whole cast — especially Hank Azaria and Robin Williams — enhance the animation experience?

Well, having the two of them around is delightful and entertaining, certainly, but they also are inspiring. The things that Robin would come up with vocally for both the characters he was playing, the ideas that he would have, it just kind of elevated everything. He always brings a certain kind of energy to the piece and to the scenes. And I'd say the same for Hank. You know, both of them are so incredibly gifted at what they do.

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Sometimes their energy can really drive a scene.

"Wilfred" got pretty dark in the season finale. Will it continue that tone in Season 2?

I hope so. I love the whole season, but the latter half of the season, where it started to go with being a little bit more of a blend of the cerebral and surreal with the comedy and the darkness, is kind of my favorite combination of what the show is capable of.

Do you get a lot of dog owners feeling they can confide in you?

Yeah. That happens a lot. People have definitely said that they understand their dogs more. And they're like, "Yeah, you totally got that behavior right." I think a lot of people responded in the first episode when Wilfred walks in and does the little spin before he sits down on the couch. Like, that's a total dog thing to do.

And do you get any ire from cat people?

[Laughs] Uh ... no. No. Not yet, anyway.

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Geeking out over 'The Hobbit'

Ever since starring as Frodo Baggins in the "Lord of the Rings" films, Elijah Wood has become a go-to for info on all things Tolkien. And the upcoming two-film adaptation of "The Hobbit" is no exception. So what sort of super-nerdy tidbits is Wood allowed to share? "There are things that I could reveal that I probably can't," he says. "There are some subtle things, like there are new rooms in Bag End that weren't in there before ... I think what's going to be exciting for fans is how they're telling the linear story of 'The Hobbit,' but they're also telling things that are happening chronologically at the same time that are in the appendices, that are in writings, but aren't necessarily in the text of 'The Hobbit.'"

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▶ Asa Butterfield is the title character and Chloe Grace-Moretz is Isabelle in Martin Scorsese's first 3-D film, "Hugo."

A movie for everyone and no one

"Hugo"
Director: Martin Scorsese
Cast: Asa Butterfield, Chloe Grace-Moretz, Ben Kingsley, Sacha Baron Cohen
Rating: PG
Grade: ●●●◐○

Many will be scratching their heads seeing the director of "Goodfellas" and "The Departed" attached to a family movie — and one that's shot in 3-D, no less. But once it's clear that this is about seminal filmmaker Georges Méliès as much as it is about an orphaned boy living in the clock towers of a French rail station in 1930s, it does makes sense.

Hugo (Asa Butterfield) is a young tinkerer, taking after his deceased clockmaker father. As he tries to reanimate the robotic "automaton" that his father left behind, he falls into the path of Méliès (Ben Kingsley), who sulks at his toy shop in the station, years after his film career has been destroyed by the Depression.

While visually gorgeous, "Hugo" seems to be neither a crowd-pleaser nor one of Scorsese's trademark "auteur" pieces. Its high-mindedness can sometimes keep it from being any fun, and its more serious themes aren't fleshed out enough to be as moving as some of Scorsese's best efforts. But the film has heart at its core. It's gorgeous to look at and while it's too long at over two hours, it's never schmaltzy. "Hugo" seems to be urgently trying to convince us that it's a classic. ● HEIDI PATALANO

'The Muppets' are back!

"The Muppets"
Director: James Bobin
Cast: Jason Segal, Amy Adams, Chris Cooper
Rating: ●●●◐○

When "Muppets" superfan Walter (voiced by Peter Linz) learns that a wealthy oil tycoon (Chris Cooper) plans to buy the Muppets' old studio lot to drill for oil, he goes on a mission to reassemble the now-disbanded crew to help them save their property. Walter's brother Gary (Jason Segal) and Mary (Amy Adams) are along for the ride.

It's funny to see what the Muppets have been up to since we last saw them: Fozzie Bear now plays in a Muppet tribute band in Reno, The Moopets, Gonzo owns his own sanitation factory and Miss Piggy is the plus-size editor of Vogue Paris.

With all Muppets in tow, the group plans a telethon to raise the money, with skits like a chicken group number to Cee Lo Green's "Forget You" (maybe they should have renamed it "Cluck You" for the occasion?).

Hilariously self-referential and filled with star cameos, "The Muppets" doesn't disappoint. Adults will likely laugh as hard, if not harder, than the kids do. ● MEREDITH ENGEL

▶ Kermit and the gang return.

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He's no Ebenezer

The almost always jolly actor Bill Nighy is hoping for a second seasonal classic with 'Arthur Christmas'

Bill Nighy's elasticity as an actor has served him well. The man perhaps most famous for a playing an aging rock star in "Love Actually," does cantankerous crab and jovial clown with equal measure of believability, which might be why he was chosen to be Grandsanta in "Arthur Christmas." Nighy plays the most recently (and resentfully) retired Santa in the multigenerational Claus family. Nighy spoke about playing a cranky old man, and his own family's contentious holiday traditions.

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▶ Grandsanta, as voiced by Bill Nighy, readies his old sleigh in "Arthur Christmas."

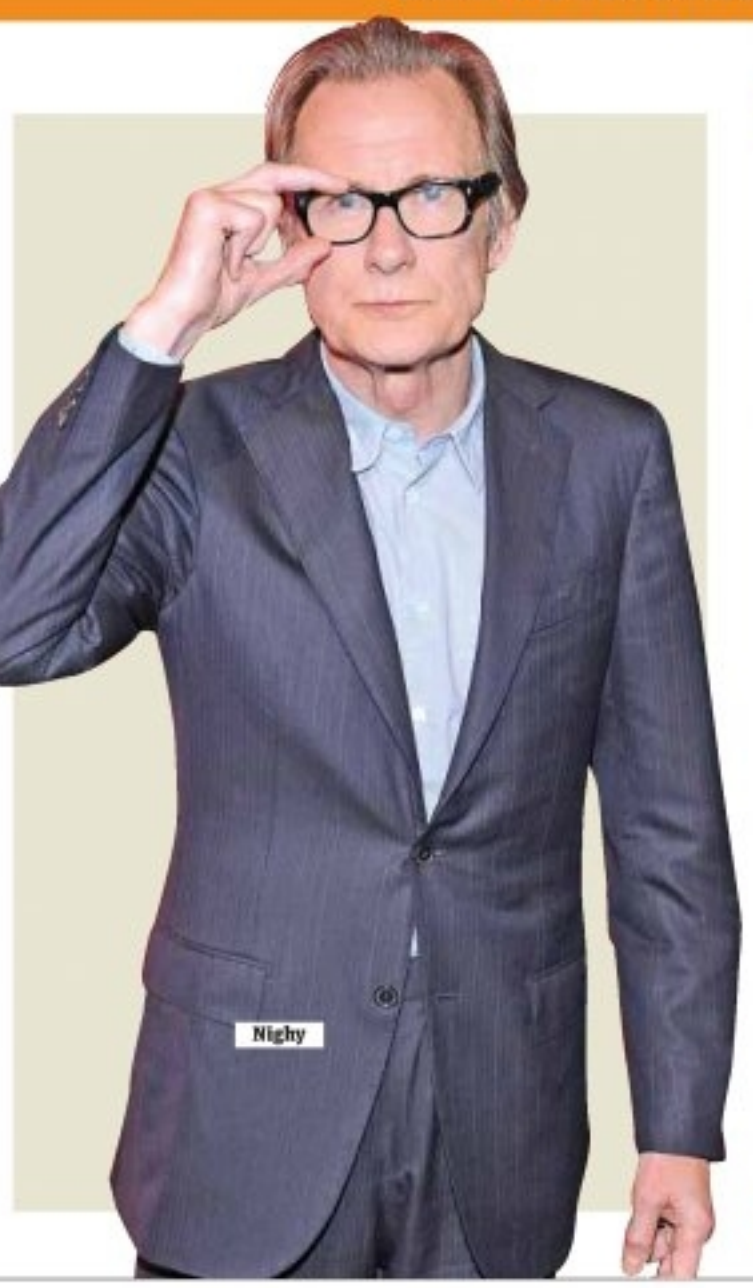
You seem too young for this role.
Yes, thank God. When I went for the job, I thought I was going for Father Christmas and then they said, "No, no, no Jim Broadbent is playing Father Christmas, so it's Grandsanta." Well, he's 136. Thank you for noticing I am not quite 136.

Where you looking for something different with this particular role?
You want something that is different from anything you have done before, but also I wanted to avoid cliché. I wanted to do something that I had never heard in a movie before.

What were your own Christmases like growing up?
Mostly they were all right, depending on what you got. We traditionally play games and split the family into two teams. We immediately become fascistic and scream and shout at each other. It's quite seriously scary because people really scream at one another. They immediately become a team and if you're not used to it, if you're not ready for it, it's a shock.

Did you believe in Santa?
It's all so long ago. The trouble with these sorts of questions is I am so old. I am pretty sure I did. Yeah, I can remember writing a note and I can remember putting it on the fire with my dad and it going up the chimney and my dad lying to me, saying it's going to the North Pole and Santa will read the smoke. Yes, we are very gullible as children. He's going to read the smoke — how's that going to work?

"Love Actually" has become a Christmas classic. Did you consider that when choosing this project?
I do like the fact that "Love Actually" has entered the Christmas language. I did seriously think when I read the script for "Arthur Christmas," "if they do this halfway decently then it will be a perennial" and I did want to be a part of it.



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"[Grandsanta] is 136. Thank you for noticing I am not quite 136."
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▶ The patties can be formed up to 24 hours in advance. Follow the recipe through step 2, cover the baking sheet with plastic wrap and refrigerate until you're ready to cook the patties.

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into small dice
- 1 medium celery stalk, small dice
- 1 medium yellow onion, small dice
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 3 cups shredded, cooked turkey (about 12 ounces)
- 2 cups cold mashed potatoes
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh Italian parsley leaves
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more for seasoning

Instructions

1. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large nonstick frying pan over medium heat until shimmering. Add the carrot, celery, onion and thyme, season with salt and pepper and then cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions and carrots have softened, about 10 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and wipe the pan clean with a dry, clean towel or paper towels; set the pan aside.
2. Add the remaining measured ingredients to the bowl (except for the oil) and stir to combine. Using your hands, form the mixture into six patties (4 inches wide, about 2/3 cup each) and place on a baking sheet.
3. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil in the reserved frying pan over medium heat until shimmering. Add three of the patties and cook undisturbed until the bottoms are dark golden brown, about eight minutes. Using a flat spatula, carefully flip the patties over and cook until they're dark golden brown on the other side, about eight minutes more. Transfer to a large plate and repeat with the remaining patties. Serve immediately.

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TV watch list

'Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade'

SPECIAL. The giant balloons — including Snoopy, Paul Frank's Julius (the sock monkey) and a creation by Tim Burton — float through Manhattan in the 85th annual parade. **Thursday, 9 a.m., NBC**

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'A Very Gaga Thanksgiving'

SPECIAL. The question is not why in the world Lady Gaga is hosting a holiday special featuring musical performances and a sit-down with Katie Couric (the answer is pop culture saturation and money, obviously). It's whether she will dress as a sexy pilgrim or just wear the turkey and trimmings. **Thursday, 9:30 p.m., ABC**

▶ Spider-Man will be slinging webs over NYC in the 85th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

'Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown'

ANIMATED. The Peanuts gang thinks they can convince Linus to give up his blanket. Right. Just like Charlie Brown thinks one day he's going to kick that football. **Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Fox**

'Suburgatory'

COMEDY. Tessa and George have their first Thanksgiving in the 'burbs. Hope the turkeys there aren't plastic, too. **Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., ABC**

'The Walking Dead'

DRAMA. Hershel continues to pressure the Atlanta survivors to leave his farm — possibly because he's been keeping a barn full of "sick" people a secret. **Midseason finale, Sunday, 9 p.m., AMC**

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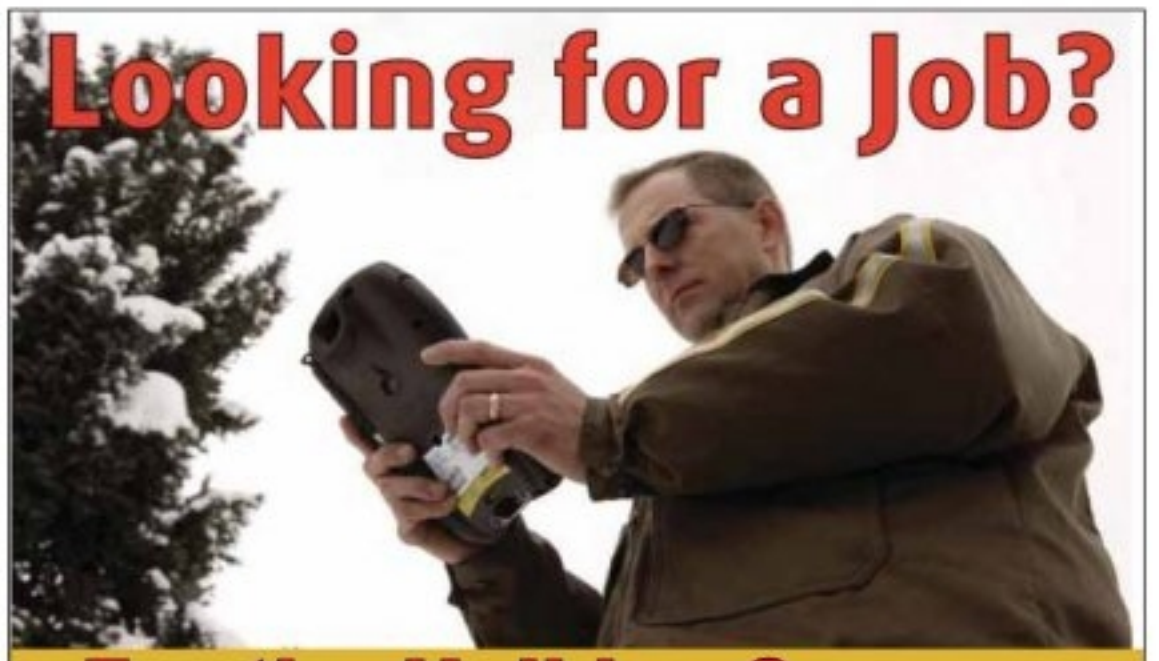

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Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Milla Jovovich is happy to be making another "Resident Evil" movie, Lisa Lampanelli is getting sticker shock, Virginia Madsen has done her civic duty, and Steve Martin may be in luck.

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Aaaah!! Explosions, panic n general mayhem! Its good 2 b back at "camp evil"!

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New Stilton cheese sells for $430 a pound. If I wanna spend a lot of money on cheese I'll buy the 1st three seasons of 'Glee' on Blu-Ray!

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@SteveMartinToGo
Need my turkey sprayed with pepper. Whom can I turn to?

Milla Jovovich

The Roots let their feelings be known

The Roots have some 'splainin to do.

On Monday night's "Late Night With **Jimmy Fallon**," the band picked some inflammatory music for featured guest (and Republican presidential candidate) **Michele Bachmann** to accompany her walk onstage. The song they picked? "Lyin' Ass Bitch" by **Fishbone**.

And it wasn't a slip-up. **?uestlove** even told fans and followers to pay attention via Twitter: "aight late night walkon song devotees: you love it when we snark: this next one takes the cake. Ask around cause I aint tweeting the title," he wrote. Then, he even took it a step further by tweeting a link to the album and making fans guess which song they picked.

▶ Michele Bachmann appeared on Monday night's "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon."

As Spin points out, the Roots often use songs to express their feelings. Two notable examples are playing **Milli Vanilli** when notorious lip-syncer **Ashlee Simpson** came on the show, and introducing **Heidi Montag** and **Spencer Pratt** with **Beck**'s "Loser."

Both of those were tongue in cheek — and directed to fixtures of pop culture. This is a presidential candidate, congresswoman, woman and a foster parent to more than 23 children. No matter what you think of Bachmann's political views, it's offensive that a house band would sneakily suggest a woman is a "bitch" on national television.

If Fishbone had only come up with a ska song entitled "You Have Different Political Views Than Me — Many of Which I Find Utterly Misguided and Wrong — But We Live in a Country Where We Are Allowed to Have Different Beliefs and So We Will Just Agree to Disagree. Also, It is Not Polite to Call a Woman a 'Bitch,'" Fallon and The Roots would not find themselves in this pickle. And it will be a pickle. A huge, massive pickle.

Bieber gets swabbed

Between appearances lighting Christmas trees in London and performing at the American Music Awards, **Justin Bieber** managed to find time to stop at a New Jersey lab to take a paternity test, according to TMZ. The Canadian pop star took the test in a lab under "very controlled circumstances" last Friday. Sources tell the website there is a solid chain of custody and the entire process was very well-documented, making it difficult for **Mariah Yeater**'s team to challenge the validity of the test. The ball is now in Yeater's court, as the 20-year-old woman — who claims Bieber is the father of her 4-month-old son — has to provide DNA from the child for comparison for the case to move forward.

Talking points

J. Lo and Anthony spend time together

It might not be a reconciliation, but **Jennifer Lopez** and **Marc Anthony** reportedly spent some quality time together earlier this month while filming their reality show, "Q'Viva," in Puerto Rico, according to Us Weekly. Anthony picked up Lopez from the airport, and "Marc never stayed in his hotel room," the source says of their get-together. "It's inevitable," says the source. "Marc has this hold over her." But the alleged activity doesn't mean the couple is getting back together: "They may sleep together, but they're over."

Lay off Katy Perry's uterus

Katy Perry's recent decision to take some time off after her current tour to "work on family" naturally led some to speculate that the singer and husband **Russell Brand** are already expecting, but Perry insists that's not the case. "Hell no," Perry tells Hollyscoop when asked if she's pregnant. But that doesn't mean she's opposed to the idea, as she recently told **Ellen DeGeneres**. "I want to have kids. I'm totally fine with saying that," she said. "I would love to have children. I think that's one of the reasons you get married."

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Keibler is into oversharing

Stacy Keibler can't stop gushing about boyfriend **George Clooney**, announcing that they are "in love" via Twitter. "You know it's love when your boyfriend has elbow surgery two days ago and takes you to a Ravens game," Keibler posted to the social media site. "Especially when he's a Bengals fan." Clooney and Keibler were spotted at the game recently, with Clooney's arm in an elaborate sling. Keibler is a former Ravens cheerleader.

Keibler and Clooney

Celebs hit the streets of New York City

▶ **1:** Avril Lavigne was spotted at a taping of "Good Morning America" at ABC Times Square Studios in New York City on Tuesday.
▶ **2:** Morning show competition alert! Joe Don Rooney, Gary LeVox and Jay DeMarcus of Rascal Flatts performed on NBC's "Today" in the Today Plaza in New York City on Monday.
▶ **3:** Jason Bateman and Olivia Wilde were filming "The Longest Week" on the streets of Manhattan on Monday.
▶ **4:** Stacy Ferguson, better know as Fergie, attended the launch part of Ubisoft's latest music video game, "The Black Eyed Peaks Experience," at Supperclub in Los Angeles on Monday.
▶ **5:** Kate Moss attended "The Hoping Variety Show: A Benefit Evening For Palestinian Refugee Children" at Cafe de Paris in London on Monday.
▶ **6:** Jessica Alba arrived at the Swarovski Elements and Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Ceremony in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Monday.
▶ **7:** Lady Gaga donned a bulbous white dress as she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Gaga's Workshop at Barneys New York in New York City on Monday.

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FALL: THE SEASON OF CHANGE

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Your stress level is likely climbing as the holidays draw nearer, but the autumn weather can do wonders for your spirit. Our newest expert, Gabby Bernstein, explains.

Fall is my favorite season — I love the foliage, the chilly air and the awesome fall fashion. I also love this season because it's a time for self-reflection, offering us an opportunity for personal growth.

I could get caught up in craziness of city life, but instead I choose to get my Zen on. I let the seasonal change guide my process: while the air is brisk and the streets are still dry, I go for long walks. In the midst of the city's chaos, I can find my calm. Here's what I do:

I throw on my favorite booties and coat and hit the streets. I press play on my positive-perception playlist and walk to the nearest park. The music, fresh air and beautiful fall colors offer a backdrop for a powerful shift in perception. The moment I step onto the street I feel my energy shift and notice my thoughts change.

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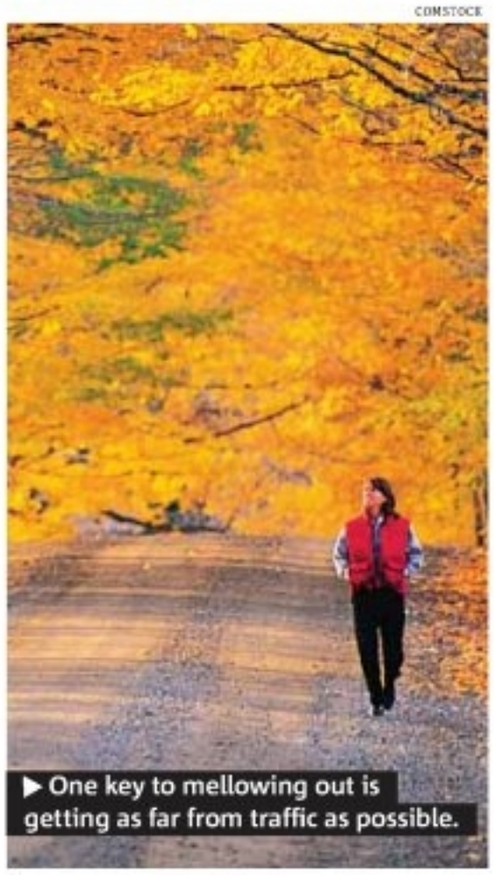

▶ One key to mellowing out is getting as far from traffic as possible.

Upon entering the park, I perch on a rock or a bench for meditative stillness. I breathe in my nose and out my mouth. Centering myself into the moment, I allow peace to come over me.

If you're inspired to do the same, let fall be your guide. Bundle up, press play on your iPod and get your Zen on!

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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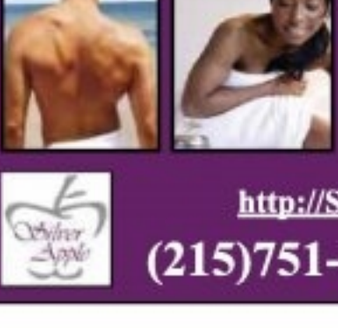

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Give thanks for these craft beers

We know your mind is on gravy-making and pumpkin pie-baking But don't forget to add beer to your shopping list Expert recommendations

Having the right drink to accompany Thanksgiving dinner can make your meal all the more satisfying. According to Josh Schaffner, the founder and director of New York Craft Beer Week, a brewski is an optimal choice for Thursday because its properties reflect those of a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

"Beer is essentially liquid bread," he says. "So when you think of Thanksgiving, the base of stuffing is almost always bread, and then it's flavored with additional things. Its mirror image is beer."

We got Schaffner's top picks for what to serve alongside your turkey.

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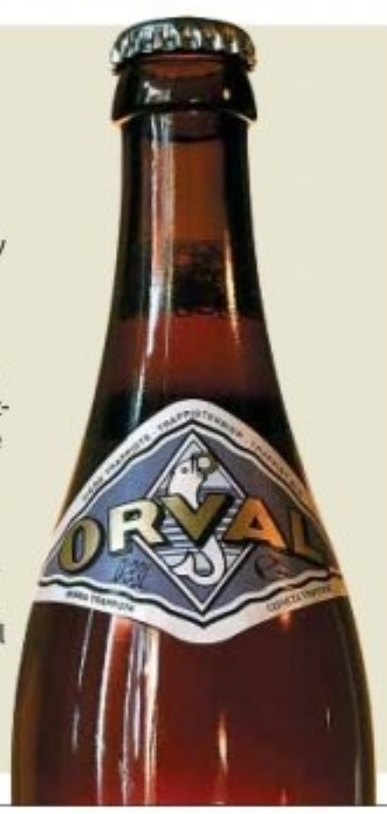
Must-have

Orval: "[It's] produced by one of the six remaining Trappist breweries of the world — it's actually made by monks. The beer has a little bit of a wild and funky element to it — they add a type of wild yeast to the bottling in order to achieve a secondary fermentation and the resulting carbonation. Any bottle conditioned beer will have a more effervescent mouthfeel with finer carbonation; but because of the addition of the wild yeast, Orval also has a wonderfully unique flavor accenting the carbonation."



Other safe bets

Southampton Cuvee des Fleurs: "Just for the presentation factor, it's easier if there's a couple of bigger bottles at the center of the table to pass around, as opposed to everybody having a little bottle next to them. The Southampton Cuvee des Fleurs is named as such because it uses a selection of different edible flowers as flavoring adjuncts. It's also one of the drier beers."

Brooklyn Brewery Local 1: "It's kind of Brooklyn's homage to Belgian strong golden ales. It's very versatile and there's nothing that it's really gonna conflict with that would appear on a Thanksgiving table."

Any pumpkin beer: "Some are sweeter, some are spicier, some are more robust. A lot of people think that would be a better beer to serve with the desserts, but I think it's even better to have before the meal starts."

Quoted

Schaffner on holiday hops:

"People generally gorge themselves during Thanksgiving, so it's best to avoid very heavy, sugar-laden beers. I like to lean toward beers that have a drier profile and that are also a bit more effervescent, meaning that the texture on your palate is one where the carbonation really pops, cleansing your palate."

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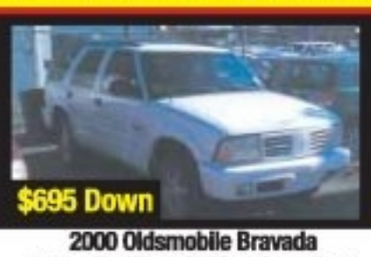
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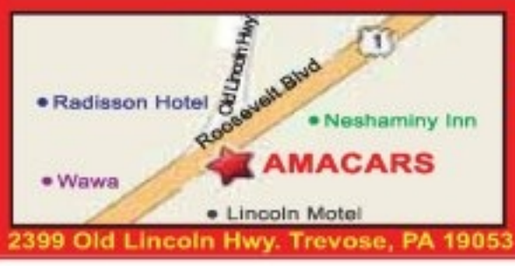

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On the cutting Vedge

The team behind the late Horizons is back with another upscale vegan paradise ◐ 'It's an exciting time for vegetables,' says chef Kate Jacoby

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▶ Portobello carpaccio is served with salsa rustica at Vedge (1221 Locust St.).

Whether carnivore or vegan, all food-lovers suffered when chefs Rich Landau and Kate Jacoby shut the South Street doors of their 5-year-old gourmet vegan restaurant, Horizons, in July. But the pain subsided last Friday with the opening of their new Center City restaurant, Vedge.

"It went really well," Jacoby says about the opening. "It's an exciting time for vegetables."

While Horizon's menu showcased meatless proteins like seitan and tofu, it's all about the vegetables at Vedge. Traditional meatless proteins are still featured (with dishes like the grilled seitan with black lentils and mushrooms, and the steak spice-seared tofu), but the "Dirt List" section of Vedge's menu changes nightly and boasts dishes using only organic vegetables from nearby Lancaster farms. Among Friday's Dirt List were shaved and grilled Brussels sprouts with smoked mustard, and orange and purple cauliflower with lemon vinaigrette and torn herbs.

Quoted

"There've been many changes over the last few years in the food industry, and in the vegetable world. Rich and I always want to stay at the forefront, and now we're proving that people can get great dishes from just vegetables."
KATE JACOBY

Vedge's menu also offers a "For The Table" section with six smaller, tapas-style dishes, and a selection of 14 medium-sized plates.

"This approach allows the guest to decide what they want to do that night," Jacoby says. "You can come into the bar and have one plate, or you can sit down and go all out, and sample a great variety of dishes."

▶ Steak spice-seared tofu with chanterelles and red kuri squash

▶ Even vegans like fluffy carbs.

Yes, there's a bar. With eight specialty cocktails (like the smoked cinnamon-hinted Apple "Cide" Car) and 13 beer options (six drafts and seven bottles), there's plenty of booze to go around. But, first and foremost, Vedge is a celebration of the vegetable kingdom.

"Anthony Bourdain and Gordon Ramsay still trash-talk the vegetarian lifestyle," Jacoby says, "but more and more serious chefs are committing a place on their menus for vegetable-based dishes. Vegetables are not just for vegetarians anymore."

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Thank you, Egypt. Thank you, Tunisia. Thank you, Libya and Bahrain and Syria and Yemen.

Thank you, mothers and fathers, for working, if you can. Thank you, sons and daughters, for going to school — even if it seems that you may never pay off those loans.

For that matter: Thank you,

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** This can be a good day when it comes to some kind of personal achievement for which you're striving. You're likely to get the break you've been looking for.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Even if certain prospects appear fuzzy, continue to be hopeful. Positive aspects are working behind the scenes, helping you achieve your aims.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Lucky you: A friend is in a position to help you pull off something that you've long been working for. If you keep the required secrecy, you'll be able to profit handsomely.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** The present aspects under which you're working will produce exactly what you're hoping to accomplish. Thus, any commitment you make will benefit everybody involved.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Watch for an unusual opportunity that could enable you to strengthen your position in a joint endeavor. The other parties could profit as well, but chances are you'll do better.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Check with friends to see if anybody has some good ideas for fun activities. An excellent suggestion might come from the quiet one in the group.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Favorable conditions are moving in your direction, which could have an effect upon your work, finances or even your leisure hours. It seems that when one thing goes right, everything else does as well.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Concentrate on matters that require either a verbal or written commitment. If you've made a promise of some kind, be sure to follow through on what you pledged to do.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Keep all your avenues open, so that you'll be able to act immediately when thyey give off positive signals. You could profit from more than one source.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Something constructive can be done to uplift your financial position, so take advantage of any chance you get for gain, no matter how small it is. Lady Luck is in your corner right now.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You'll be at your best when it comes to anything that has to do with profit. Something financially constructive can be advanced.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** News is coming your way that will encourage you to revive a social endeavor on which you worked hard and long, but gave up on. It can be successful if you do now as you first planned.

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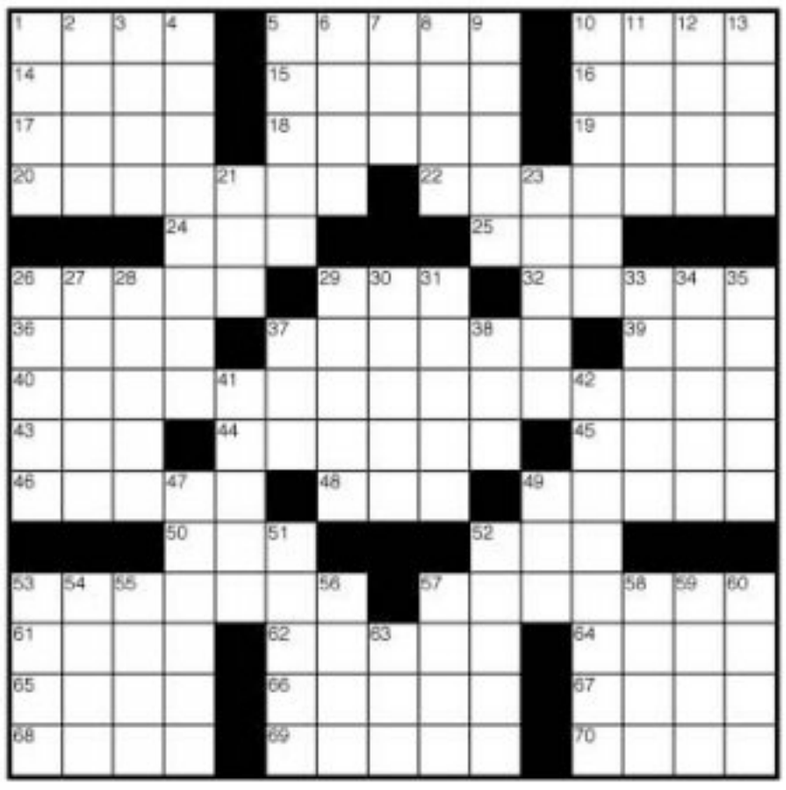

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Solution to Tuesday's crossword

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Are you ready for some payroll taxes?

Unlike the NBA, MLB can actually agree on a new CBA ◗ League made announcement of deal's details Tuesday ◗ How does this affect Phillies?

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▶ MLB Commissioner Bug Selig shakes hands with Red Sox pitcher Andrew Miller at Tuesday's announcement.

Major League Baseball and the Player's Association announced the details of a new collective bargaining agreement Tuesday that will keep labor peace through 2016.

That's the good news.

The bad news — big market clubs like the Red Sox, Yankees and Phillies will all have some new issues to contend with.

In MLB's continuing quest for parity the new CBA includes multiple changes to the luxury tax, free agent signing rules and a new tax on signing players from the MLB draft.

While it's unlikely sides would ever agree on a salary cap, they did make changes to the luxury tax already in place. Not only will teams owe the amount over the tax threshold, they will now be taxed on that percentage.

According to reports, the new luxury cap will be $178 million in 2012. Go over that with your payroll and you'll pay a 42 percent tax. In 2013, that increases to 50 percent.

The only three teams remotely close to $178 million in 2011 — the Red Sox ($164 million, Phillies ($165 million) and Yankees ($207 million).

Also working against the big market clubs will be new rules on signing draft picks. MLB has had a recommended contract for each slot in the draft. However, they had no rules in place to enforce it. Now they do.

Small market teams were priced out of signing some top talent, while big market clubs like the Yankees would pay above slot — sometimes way above — at the back of the round. There's still no hard slotting, but teams will now pay a tax based on how far over slot they pay draftees.

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What you need to know

Unfortunately for Phillies fans, big market clubs will be affected the most in the new CBA.

▶ With the minimum salary increasing from $414,000 to $480,000, guys like **Vance Worley, David Herndon, Michael Stutes, Antonio Bastardo and John Mayberry, Jr.** all earned $66,000 raises.

▶ **Losing draft picks ...** by signing a Type A free agent like **Jonathan Papelbon**, the Phils will have to surrender their first-round pick (37th overall) to Boston.

▶ **However ...** the Phils can get back first-round picks by offering salary arbitration to their own Type A free agents, which they are expected to do with **Ryan Madson, Jimmy Rollins**.

HGH test to be put in place

Maybe the most mentioned addition to the new CBA will be the implementation of human-growth hormone testing.

Every player will be tested during spring training, while select players could be tested during the season "with due cause."

A positive test will result in the same penalties as other performance-enhancing drugs — 50 games on the first positive test, then 100 games and a ban on the next two.

Random offseason testing will begin following the 2012 season. METRO

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▶ Halladay

Braun wins MVP, Phils represent

Ryan Braun was named the NL MVP on Tuesday.

The Brewers' All-Star received 20 of 32 first-place votes and 388 points, beating out the Dodgers' Matt Kemp. No Brewer had won the award since Robin Yount did it in 1989.

Six different Phillies appeared on the final ballot, the most since 1976. Roy Halladay (52 points) finished ninth; Ryan Howard (39) was 10th; Shane Victorino (18) was 13th; Cliff Lee (12) was 15th; Hunter Pence (10) was 16th; and Carlos Ruiz appeared on one ballot, at 25th.

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Aiken settling into body, new home on City Ave.

Saint Joseph's sophomore shining as top shot-blocker Also averaging double digits in points Martelli says Aiken seems more comfortable

There were so many growing pains for C.J. Aiken as a freshman at Saint Joseph's.

And not just on the basketball court.

Aiken, a standout at Plymouth-Whitemarsh High, was only traveling a short distance to 54th and City Ave., but the transition just wasn't easy for the soft-spoken Aiken.

"He had actually smiled four times in the first four weeks," St. Joe's coach Phil Martelli quipped of Aiken's sophomore return. "That's four more smiles than I've seen since he was in the ninth grade. He's just more comfortable. In his way, he'll communicate during practice and talk during practice. He's more settled off the court. He really seems to be enjoying basketball and it's not a task he has to do. It's something he wants to do."

While the Hawks suffered through an 11-22 season last year, Aiken still managed to set a freshman record for blocked shots (117), which is the second-best, single-season total in Hawks history.

Now much happier, Aiken is off to a sensational start as a sophomore during the Hawks' 3-1 start. He's averaging 10 points, 5.3 rebounds and has 17 blocks, more than four per game.

"It was hard at times for me last season," Aiken admitted. "I didn't like losing and we didn't know how it felt to lose so much. That's in the past. I expect more now. I think I'm much more comfortable in many areas on and off the court."

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Weight for it

- **Aiken's weight, at 200 lbs., has been a challenge.** The 6-foot-9 sophomore is trying to get stronger.
- **"He's also feeling better about his body, so he's willing to get in the mix for rebounding,"** said Martelli.

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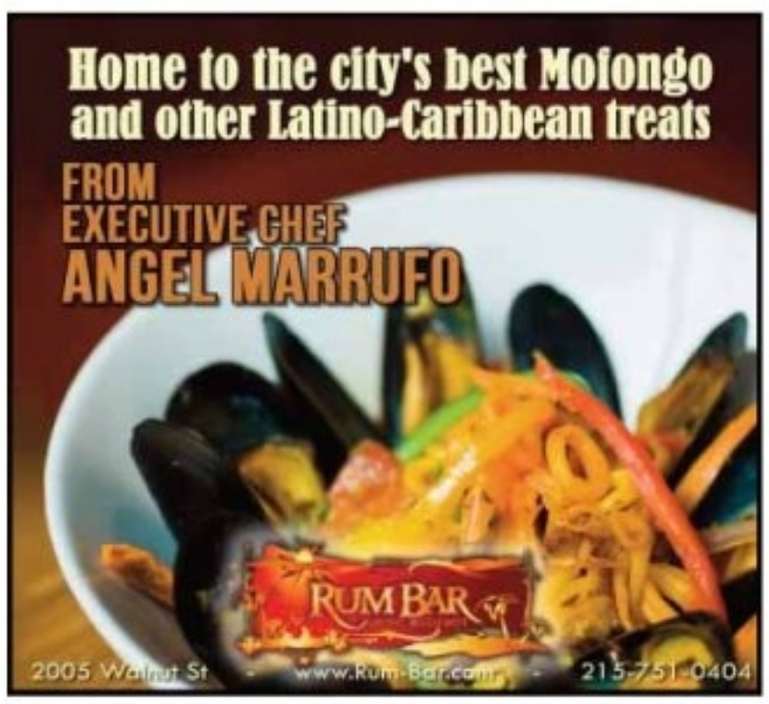

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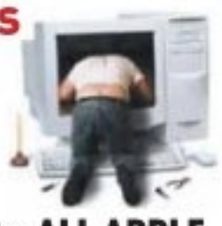

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▶ Tom Brady is 3-0 all-time against the Eagles, including the Patriots' 2004 Super Bowl victory.

Brady on Birds: 'We have our work cut out for us'

◗ Patriots quarterback speaks glowingly of Eagles ◗ Belichick calls them 'best team we've played' ◗ Teams slated for 11th meeting this weekend

Back in August, some had this one circled as a Super Bowl preview.

Three months later, there are very few who still see Sunday's Patriots-Eagles matchup as such.

The Eagles are 4-6 and fighting for their playoff lives, while the Patriots are 7-3 and control their own destiny. But don't think New England is taking this game lightly. In fact, after beating the Chiefs 34-3 Monday night, they immediately praised Andy Reid's "Dream Team."

"Coach Belichick said last night that this is the best team we've played all year," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady told WEEI in Boston. "That says a lot. I think they're talented at every position, so we have to go out there and see what we can do against a very good football team."

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Eagles all-time record vs. New England in the regular season, with Patriots winning most recent one 31-28 in 2007. The Pats are 15-23 all-time vs. NFC East.

On TV Sunday

Patriots at Eagles, 4:15 p.m. (CBS)

Both Belichick and Reid have great respect and admiration for one another. They are the two longest tenured coaches in the NFL (Reid in his 13th season, Belichick his 11th) and squared off in the 2004 Super Bowl.

"They're a good football team on both sides of the ball, especially well coached," Reid said. "We've got to make sure we go through the process here, start with the coaches, make sure that we put together a game plan that's good, and that we present it to the players in a manner that they can understand, and go out and execute it, and the players will do their part in executing it and practicing."

Brady, who holds a 2-0 career record in the regular season against the Birds (97.1 QB rating), praised the Eagles' skill players, especially on defense. The Patriots leader doesn't expect to come into Lincoln Financial Field and push anyone around.

"We have our work cut out for us," Brady said. "Anytime you go on the road, it makes it that much more challenging. On a short week, against a very talented team, it's going to be all we can handle."

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Jagr skates with Flyers, may return

Jaromir Jagr doesn't like sitting around.

Jagr, who has missed the last two games with a lower-body injury, skated with his Flyers teammates Tuesday and told reporters that he is itching to get back out there.

"To sit around, it's not me. I want to be part of the team and help the team," Jagr told the Flyers' website. "It's not about the points, it's about the team. It's about making the playoffs and how we're going to do in the playoffs. That's the hockey you want to play and that's what I miss the most."

Jagr is officially listed as day-to-day and could be a game-time decision when the Flyers battle the Islanders on Wednesday. Chris Pronger is also day-to-day with a virus, according to GM Paul Holmgren.

The Flyers also announced that rookie forward Brayden Schenn (foot) was removed from the injured reserve list and sent to Adirondack (AHL), along with 207-pound defenseman Kevin Marshall. Right wing Harry Zolnierczyk has been re-called from Trenton (ECHL).

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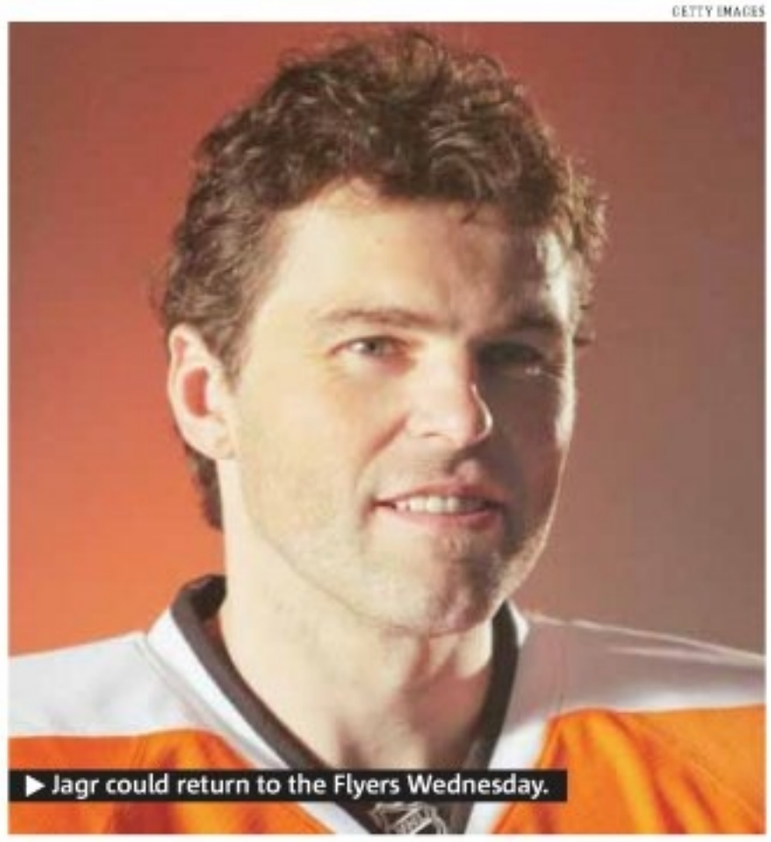

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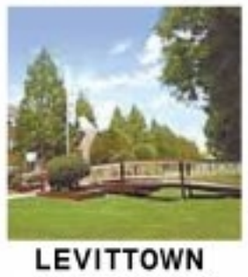

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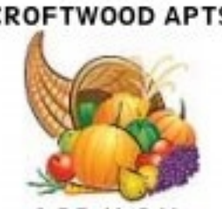

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Ikea hack 1:

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You'll need: Two 2-by-2 Expedit bookcases, one Vika Amon tabletop, 4 Vika Curry table legs (only the top part), four Besta legs, screws and Schweden-punk drawers (optional)

Getting started: Assemble the Expedits. Screw them together with brackets. Screw the Vika Amon Curry legs to the tabletop. Drill screw-sized holes into the bottom of the Expedit. Install the Schweden-punk drawers for items you don't want displayed.

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Ikea hack 2:

Trick out that Dombas wardrobe

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Ikea hack 3:

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The art of development

‘Urban Topiary’ sculpture livens up the Flats at Girard Pointe ◗ Why public art is important to Philly

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▶ “Urban Topiary” is revealed at the Flats at Girard Pointe (1221-1233 N. Third St.).

When the team at PrePost came down to Olde Kensington to design an art installation for the Flats at Girard Pointe, they looked around the neighborhood and immediately knew what they were going to do.

“Everything on the street was made from the same material, and there were empty lots with gorgeous trumpet vines growing on metal fences. We wanted to connect to that,” says Josh Draper of PrePost, a Brooklyn-based architectural design firm chosen through a competition by JDT International — the Philly developer behind the Flats, which is nine new eco-friendly townhomes on N. Third St.

The result is “Urban Topiary,” a sculpture along the fence in front of the Flats made up of over 100 vine-covered steel tubes that twist and bend and coil for more than 100 feet, dipping into the ground and out near the sidewalk.

“We wanted it to be a lyrical, playful form dancing down the street. Something that felt alive and dynamic — and would unite the public and private space,” Draper says.

Urban Topiary ties in with Urban Roots, a community initiative led by JDT International owner Jeffrey Tubbs.

Through Urban Roots, Tubbs enhances his real estate developments with public art and, with help from ACE Mentor Program, runs workshops on urban redevelopment for local high school students.

The idea, explains Tubbs, is to inspire the students to enter the field by using his residential and art projects as case studies.

“A lot of the kids are from rougher neighborhoods, and our goal is to show them that there are hundreds of different jobs involved in redevelopment — city planning, building, fine art ... plumbing and electrical, interior design — [and] working with the community,” Tubbs says. “We want to expose them to all these different ways to make a living.”

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Coming soon

Next up for JDT International and PrePost is American Studios — five loft-style condos right around the corner from the Flats at Girard Pointe.

The art component is still in the planning stages, but PrePost is leaning toward a solar-powered light installation. Students from YouthBuild, a charter school on N. Broad for high school dropouts, will be involved in the planning and building.

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